

List of abbreviations

AEA	American Economic Association
AGS	Annual Growth Survey
BEPGs	Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
CA	Commitment Appropriation
CCI	Convergence and Competitiveness Instrument
CEC	Commission of the European Communities
CEEP	European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services
CEO	Corporate Europe Observatory
CJEC	Court of Justice of the European Communities
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CSR	Country-specific Recommendation
DG	Directorate General
DG ECFIN	Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs
DG EMPL	Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
DIW	Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung
EAPN	European Anti-Poverty Network
EaSI	Employment and Social Innovation Programme
EBA	European Banking Authority
EC	European Community
ECB	European Central Bank
ECOFIN	Economic and Financial Affairs Council
ECSR	European Committee of Social Rights
EDP	Excessive Deficit Procedure
EEC	European Economic Community
EES	European Employment Strategy
EESC	European Economic and Social Committee
EFC	Economic and Financial Committee
EFSF	European Financial Stability Facility
EGF	European Globalisation Adjustment Fund
EGMI	European Guaranteed Minimum Income
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIGE	European Institute for Gender Equality
EMCO	Employment Committee
EMF	European Metalworkers' Federation
EMIF	European Minimum Income Fund
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
EP	European Parliament

EPC	European Policy Committee
EPP-ED	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
EPSCO	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council
ESDE	Employment and Social Developments in Europe
ESF	European Social Fund
ESM	European Stability Mechanism
ESM	European Social Model
ESU	European Social Union
ETUC	European Trade Union Confederation
ETUF-TCL	European Trade Union Federation of Textiles, Clothing and Leather
ETUI	European Trade Union Institute
EU	European Union
EWL	European Women's Lobby
FN	Front National
FPÖ	Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs/Freedom Party of Austria
FRA	Fundamental Rights Agency
FTT	Financial Transaction Tax
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GMI	Guaranteed Minimum Income
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
LLL	Lifelong learning
MAFF	Multi-Annual Financial Framework
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MIP	Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure
MISSOC	Mutual Information System on Social Protection
MS	Member States
NAP	National Action Plan
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NRP	National Reform Programme
OCA	Optimum Currency Area
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ÖGB	Österreichischer Gewerkschaftsbund
OJ	Official Journal
OMC	Open Method of Coordination
OMT	Outright Monetary Transactions
OSE	European Social Observatory
PA	Payment Appropriations
PISA	Programme for International Assessment
R&D	Research & Development
SGEI	Services of General Economic Interest
SGP	Stability and Growth Pact

SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
SPC	Social Protection Committee
SPPM	Social Protection Performance Monitor
SSM	Single Supervisory Mechanism
TEPA	Loi en faveur du Travail, de l'Emploi et du Pouvoir d'Achat
TEU	Treaty on the European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TIN	Taxpayer Identification Number
TSCG	Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UKIP	United Kingdom Independence Party
UN	United Nations Organization
UNICE	Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe
USA	United States of America
VAT	Value added Tax
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WW	World War

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